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Chickasaw Nation announces candidates for general election

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel will remain in office for another four-year term.

The team was officially re-elected by a one-vote margin when no challengers had filed at the close of the filing period 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Ms. Loder also announced candidates for five legislative seats and one judicial seat within the Chickasaw Nation.

Pontotoc District Seat 2 incumbent legislator Nancy Elliott will retain her seat. No challengers filed for the position.

Pickens District Seat 4 incumbent legislator Shana Tate Hammond will retain her seat as no challengers filed for the position.

Tishomingo District Seat 1 incumbent legislator Scott Wood of Tishomingo will also retain his seat as no challengers filed for the position.

Pontotoc District Seat 1 incumbent legislator Toby Perkins, of Ada, will face challengers Oscar W. Gore and Mary Holden-Nordwall, both of Ada.

Pickens District Seat 1 incumbent legislator David Woerz, of Ardmore, will face challenger Mike Watson, of Ardmore.

Supreme Court Seat 2 incumbent Barbara Anne Smith, of Newcastle, will face challenger Linda English Weeks, of Norman.

Registered Chickasaw voters will vote by mail ballots, with ballots being mailed to registered Chickasaw voters July 9, 2015.

Ballots must be returned to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission no later than 10:30 a.m. July 28, 2015. No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting beginning at 11 a.m. July 28, 2015, at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. Results of the elections will be announced the same day.

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2015 Tribal Election Issue

Governor

Bill Anoatubby
Incumbent

Pontotoc District Seat 2

Nancy Elliott
Incumbent

Pickens District Seat 4

Shana Tate Hammond
Incumbent

Tishomingo District Seat 1

Scott Wood
Incumbent

Supreme Court Seat 2

Barbara Anne Smith
Incumbent

Linda English Weeks

Lt. Governor

Jeferson Keel
Incumbent

Pontotoc District Seat 1

Toby Perkins
Incumbent

Oscar Gore

Mary Holden-Nordwall

Pickens District Seat 1

David Woerz
Incumbent

Mike Watson

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For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

CANDIDATES FILING ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Governor and Lt. Governor team:
Governor Bill Anoatubby – Incumbent – *no challengers*
Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel – Incumbent - *no challengers*
Legislature:
Pontotoc District
Seat 1 Toby Perkins, Ada - Incumbent
Seat 1 Oscar W. Gore, Ada
Seat 1 Mary Holden Nordwall, Ada
Pontotoc District
Seat 2 Nancy Elliott, Ada - Incumbent – *no challenger*
Pickens District
Seat 1 David Woerz, Ardmore - Incumbent
Seat 1 Mike Watson, Ardmore
Pickens District
Seat 4 Shana Tate Hammond, Ardmore – Incumbent – *no challenger*
Tishomingo District
Seat 1 Scott Wood, Tishomingo – Incumbent – *no challenger*
Supreme Court:
Seat 2 Barbara Anne Smith, Newcastle - Incumbent
Seat 2 Linda English Weeks, Norman

ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE

The election office is preparing for the 2015 Tribal Elections. We must have a correct mailing address on file for all qualified Chickasaw Voters to ensure you receive a ballot or other tribal mail-outs.

If you have moved, or if you are not sure we have your updated address, please contact the Election Office by calling (580) 310-6411 or 1-888-661-0137.
You may also complete an address change form at www.Chickasaw.net.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION
2015 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 29:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 6:
Voter registration closes.

July 7:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated printouts & CD's.

July 9:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 23:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 28:
2015 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.) - Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately. Press Release made to public.

July 28:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

July 31:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

2015 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 3:
Candidates may pick up print-outs & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)

August 6:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 20:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 25:
2015 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens

August 28:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Chickasaw Nation Governor

Bill Anoatubby, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Bill Anoatubby
Position candidate is filing for: Governor
District and Seat Number: N/A

Background Information:

Bill Anoatubby began work for the nation in 1975 as health services director. A year later, he was asked to direct its finance department which he organized and established a new centralized accounting system. In October 1978, he was promoted to the position of special assistant to the governor and controller. In 1979, he was elected the tribe's first Lt. Governor. Gov. Anoatubby was elected to his first term as Governor in 1987.

In his first term, Gov. Anoatubby established goals of economic development and self-sufficiency for the Chickasaw Nation and its people. Today, because of determination and hard work, the Chickasaw Nation is well on the way to achieving those goals.

In 1988, the tribe had about 250 employees. Today, the Chickasaw Nation employs more than 13,000 people. The financial condition of the tribe has improved tremendously. This firm financial foundation has enabled the tribe to implement more than 200 new programs and services for the Chickasaw people. In 1987, the tribe operated 33 programs and depended on the federal government for more than 98 percent of funding for those services. Tribal assets have increased well over 200-fold. Governor Anoatubby is committed to meeting the needs and desires of Chickasaw people, by providing health care services, opportunities for employment and career advancement, and the chance for every Chickasaw to obtain a higher education.

Educational Background:

Bill Anoatubby attended public schools in Tishomingo. In 1964, he graduated from high school, where he played football for the Tishomingo Indians and was chosen by his teachers as "All-Around Boy" his senior year. He was also named "Most Valuable Lineman" and selected as "All-District Tackle." He attended Murray State College earning an associate degree in business in 1970. In 1972, he completed his bachelor's degree in accounting at East Central State College (now East Central University). At ECU, he was named "Outstanding Accounting Student." He has 18 hours of additional studies in business and finance from Southeastern State University in Durant and East Central University. He has taken numerous continuing education courses in management, computer science, time management and personnel management, including study from Dun and Bradstreet in financial management. He was a member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, serving from 1963 to 1971, attaining the rank of Sergeant E-6 and commanding a light truck platoon. He was named "Outstanding Trainee" in advanced individual training with the National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1971.

Civic and/or Community Activities:

Board Positions:

- Arkansas Riverbed Authority, Member
- Dean A. McGee, Member
- Greater Oklahoma City Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Member
- Harold Hamm Diabetes Center Board of Advisors, past Chairman
- Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, past President
- National Museum of the American Indian, Member, Advancement Chair
- Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, Chairman
- Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Member
- Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. Board of Directors, Member

Affiliations:

- Leadership Oklahoma, Member
- National Congress of American Indians, Member
- Oklahoma Academy of State Goals, Member
- Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Member
- Oklahomans Business Roundtable, Member, Executive Committee
- Oklahomans for the Arts, Member

Past Leadership Roles:

- Ada Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, ECU Presidential Search Committee, Member
- Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board, Chair
- East Central University Foundation, Member
- Integris Health, Inc., Board Member
- Jasmine Moran Children's Museum Board of Trustees, Member
- Advisory Council to the Special Trustee for American Indians, U.S. Department of the Interior, Chairman
- Oklahoma Centennial Commission, Board Member
- First Nation Enterprise Advisory Council, Member

Governor Bill Anoatubby

- Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Business School Advisory Board, Member
- Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Board Member
- Governor Henry's Task Force on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Leadership Oklahoma Board of Directors, Member
- Leadership Oklahoma, Class III Graduate
- Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation Board of Trustee
- Oklahoma Academy of State Goals Board, Member
- Oklahoma City University Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma Health Care Commission
- Oklahoma Heritage Association Board of Directors, Member
- Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission
- Oklahoma State Board of Easter Seals and Crippled Children
- Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors
- Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Committee
- Tri-County Indian Nations Development Corporation, Board Member
- United Indian Nations in Oklahoma, Chairman
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, Member and Co-Chairman
- 5 Who Care, Board Member
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board of Directors, Member

Awards and Honors:

- 2015 Dialogue Institute of Oklahoma Leadership Award
- 2015 Honorary Doctor of Business from the Oklahoma City University
- 2015 Ada Area Chamber of Commerce Ted Savage Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2014 Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Community Service Award
- 2014 Oklahoma Academy Key Contributor Award
- 2014 University of Oklahoma Honorary Doctorate
- 2013 Oklahoma Israel Exchange Light, Leadership and Legacy Award
- 2013 ASTEC Fund Door Opener Award
- 2013 East Central University Distinguished Philanthropist Award
- 2013 Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2012 Citizen Energy Advocate of the Year Award
- 2011 Chisholm Trail

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Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor

Jefferson Keel, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate:
Jefferson Keel
Position candidate is filing for: Lt. Governor
District and Seat Number:
N/A

Background Information:

Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel is the son of Chickasaw original enrollee Freeman Keel. He is extremely proud of his heritage and totally committed to the service of Indian people. A retired United States Army officer with twenty years active service, now completing his fourth four year term as lieutenant governor, he has consistently proven himself as an effective leader.

Lt. Governor Keel is keenly aware of the roles and responsibilities expected of tribal leaders. He truly believes in the Chickasaw people and supports their desire to become self sustaining. He believes that tribal sovereignty and treaty rights must be protected in order for tribes to continue to govern themselves.

"It is important that tribal leaders be engaged and active in the development and implementation of federal policies that affect Indian tribes."

As further evidence of his leadership abilities, he was elected in 2009 and served two consecutive two-year terms as the President of the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest and largest tribal organization in the country that serves and represents over 250 Indian tribes and about 75 percent of the Indians in the country. His is the first and only elected tribal leader from Oklahoma to be elected to hold this position. He has also been appointed to several boards and committees to represent Native Americans in policy consultations and budget negotiations with the federal government. Some of these include serving as Chairman of the Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee for the Centers for Disease Control, Chair of the Facilities Allocation Advisory Board for the Indian Health Service, and Chair of the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee. He has also been appointed to the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee for the Department of Health and Human Services. He was also appointed by the U.S. Senate Leader to serve on the Tribal Law and Order Commission, and by the U.S. Attorney General to serve on the Department of Justice Native Youth and Children Commission. He is consistently asked to serve as the tribal leader designated to represent the forty four (44) tribes of the Oklahoma City area in annual budget development and negotiations with the federal government. He has been called upon to provide testimony to the United States Congress on numerous occasions on issues such as the federal budget, historic preservation, health and human services, and tribal sovereignty. His counsel and advice is often sought on these and other important issues that affect Indian tribes across the country. He serves on the Board of Regents of Bacone College and recently served on the East Central University Foundation Board of Directors. Lt. Gov. Keel believes in educating and training our people to be successful.

"Education and training is the key to ensuring the success of our people. Sometimes, our citizens need a hand up and we must be there to help. We must continue to help our people by providing them with the education and tools necessary for success. And, continue the basic practice of helping our people through honorable public service."

Educational Background:

AS Degree – Murray State College
BS Degree - East Central University
MS Degree - Troy University

Goal as Lt. Governor:

To continue to assist the Governor in achieving the overall goal of having the tribe become economically self sufficient and reliant. Continue to work hard to represent the nation in any areas that benefit the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens. Maintain a strong leadership presence and voice in the development and refinement of federal Indian policy, and to be available to assist and represent the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

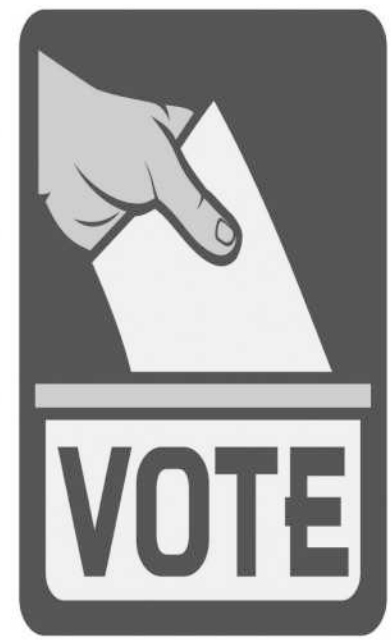
Name of Spouse and Children:

Lt. Gov, Keel and his wife Carol have three children and eight grandchildren. Thomas and his wife Teresa have three children, Allison, Madison, and Cason. Jeff and his wife Falisha have two children, Lindsey and Jacob, and Kristen and her husband Tim have three children, Sarandyn, Alyse, and Avery.

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

The needs of our citizens are and, must always be, our highest priority. As a nation, we have endured and persevered throughout our great history, and today we are thriving. Governor Anoatubby and I have assembled a team of professionals who work hard, embrace challenge and work collectively to overcome adversity to achieve success. We continue to strive to meet the needs of all of our citizens, wherever they reside, and we continue to look for new ideas and strategies to improve the level and quality of services to our people. The nation's progress today is evident more than ever. The Chickasaw Nation has achieved a level of prosperity and success that many could not have envisioned only a few short years ago. We have indeed come a long way toward achieving our goal of self-sufficiency and reliance. There is still much work to be done, and we must continue to be vigilant and work hard to protect our sovereignty and preserve and protect our resources. United we Thrive, and together we will face challenges and overcome obstacles as we continue our journey to self sufficiency. The role of the Lieutenant Governor is to support and assist the Governor in tribal operations and to be available to assist Chickasaw people. I am indeed honored to serve the Chickasaw people. Our future is bright. I look forward to continue being a part of the continued success of our nation.



Pontotoc District • Seat 2

Nancy Elliott, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Nancy Elliott
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Pontotoc Seat 2

Background Information:

Nancy Elliott was born in Duncan, Oklahoma to Willis B. "Buster" Barrick and Leona "Bea" Brown Barrick. Her grandfather, Nathaniel Brown, and her great-grandfather, Charles A. Brown, were original enrollees. She has always been proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

She, her brother and four sisters grew up in Lindsay, Oklahoma where their dad, Buster, worked in the oil field business and their mom stayed home to raise the kids.

Mrs. Elliott attended public schools in Velma, Lindsay, and Oklahoma City. She graduated from Putnam City High School in Oklahoma City in 1967 and married Robbie Elliott in 1968. The couple had three children: Nathan, Robyn and Rachel, and were married for 36 years. Robbie passed away in 2004 of heart disease.

While raising her family, Mrs. Elliott returned to college. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1983 and a master's degree in 1988. She taught in the Ada, Oklahoma Public School System for 26 years and retired from teaching in May, 2010. As a public school teacher, she was awarded over $6,000 in grants from the Ada City Schools Foundation for innovative projects that gave her students exciting educational experiences over and above the normal curriculum.

Mrs. Elliott served on the planning committee for the 2008 CNASA Space Camp and was a judge for the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. In 2007, she was honored with an invitation to participate as a panelist on the Chickasaw Nation's Dynamic Women's Forum.

Over the years, Mrs. Elliott has been involved in many volunteer civic activities. She served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for two troops for 10 years while her daughters were growing up. She has been actively involved in the Women's Ministry of her church and has been a youth Sunday school teacher for many years.

In 2009, she won election to Seat 2 of the Tribal Legislature, and she was re-elected in 2012.

Goal as Legislator:

My goal as your legislator is to meet the needs important to you the Chickasaw people. I firmly believe in:

1. Quality, accessible health care for every Chickasaw.
2. Retirement villages rich in activities and culture for our elders.
3. Educational opportunities for all Chickasaws of every age and location.
4. Diversification of businesses and promotion of entrepreneurship.
5. Services that build strong individuals and strengthen families.
6. Opportunities for all Chickasaws to grow, work, engage and succeed!

Name of Spouse and Children:

Mrs. Elliott has three children and six grandchildren: Nathan and Christie, and their daughters, Reagan and Lauren; Robyn and Wayne Scribner, and their son, Barrick; and Rachel and Trevan Jimboy, and their children, Mikaela, Mackenzie and Titus.

Nancy Elliott

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

It is an exciting time to be Chickasaw! Opportunities are open to us every day, and I want to continue to be your advocate for those opportunities.

During the past six years, I have had the chance to meet and hear from so many of you. You are all as passionate as I am about our tribe. I know that if we continue to work together, the momentum we are experiencing will carry us well into our future.

We can work for quality, accessible health care for every Chickasaw.

We can work for retirement villages rich in activities and culture for our elders.

We can engage all our Chickasaw youth in fulfilling, forward-looking, programs.

We can diversify our tribal businesses and promote Chickasaw entrepreneurship.

We can create more opportunities for Chickasaws to thrive and succeed!

Your ideas, your input and your voice are what help us to focus on what matters most to you!

Thank you for your support. I look forward to working hard for you and continuing to serve as your advocate.

Please Note:

Incumbents who **do not** have challengers **will not** be on the ballot.

Incumbents without challengers are: Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Nancy Elliott, Pontotoc District, Seat 2; Shana Tate Hammond, Pickens District, Seat 4; and Scott Wood, Tishomingo District, Seat 1.

Register to vote by July 7

The Chickasaw citizenship/voter application can be accessed at www.chickasaw.net.

To be elegible to vote in the upcoming tribal elections, you must have a current citizenship/voter registration on file with the tribal election secretary. Voter registration closes July 7.

For more information, contact tribal election secretary Rita Loder at (580) 310-6411 or at rita.loder@chickasaw.net.

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821
(580) 310-6475 *phone*
(580) 310-6474 *fax*
Toll Free
1-888-661-0137
www. chickasaw.net, then click *government*.

Pickens District • Seat 4

Shana Tate Hammond, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Shana Tate Hammond
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Pickens Seat 4

Background Information:

I was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Charles Tate and Patricia Guerin Tate. We moved to Ardmore when I was an infant and I graduated from Ardmore High School. I am one of four children.

After receiving my Bachelor of Science degrees in marketing and international business with a minor in Spanish, I moved to Lansing, Michigan, where I worked for Deluxe Financial Services as an account manager. My husband and I then moved to Denver, Colorado, where I worked as an account representative for Visa Debit Processing Service. In 2002, my family moved back to Ardmore, where I worked for Mercy Hospital for nine years as the senior marketing specialist. I have been involved with the Chickasaw Nation my entire life, thanks to the influence of my father, Charles Tate and my late grandmother, Juanita Keel Tate, both Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees. I am blessed to be completing my second term as a legislator in the Pickens District, Seat 4.

Educational Background:

I am a 1992 graduate of Ardmore High School. I received my Bachelor of Science degrees in both marketing and international business with a minor in Spanish from Oklahoma State University in 1996. I studied abroad in Mexico in 1995 to further my knowledge of the Spanish language.

Civic and/or Community Activities:

I am a member of First United Methodist Church of Ardmore. I have served a on the First United Methodist Church administrative council. I am currently on the Board of Directors for the C/SARA Foundation where I serve as Secretary. I have volunteered at the Ardmore Soup Kitchen for over 10 years and I am a member of the Board of Directors for the Mercy Hospital Ardmore Foundation. I am a graduate of Leadership Ardmore, sponsored by the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce.

I serve as a parent volunteer for the Plainview Track Club.

Goal as Legislator and Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

I am completing my second term as legislator for the Pickens District, Seat 4. My goal is to continue to be a voice for the Chickasaw people. I am very passionate about education and cultural preservation. Under the leadership of Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel, Chickasaws have so many opportunities to further our education, whether it is in college or attending a vocational technology program. I will always support programs that financially assist our Chickasaws in their continuing education endeavors.

Shana Tate Hammond

I want to help educate our citizens of the services available to them. Our tribe has seen so many changes throughout the past 20 years and I want to be part of the changes yet to come. I am always willing to listen to new ideas and I'm open to new programs and services for our people, both within the tribal boundaries and the at-large areas. I have supported the expansion the tribe has seen over the last five years in all districts. I am especially proud of the growth the Pickens District has seen with our Carter Campus, located on the old Carter Seminary grounds.

I am blessed to have served two-terms on the legislature and I look forward to another three years of service. I truly feel God has called me to this position, to serve our people.

Name of Spouse and Children:

My husband is Bruce Hammond; we have two children, Lauren, 15, and Cole, 12.

Tishomingo District • Seat 1

Scott Wood, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Scott Wood
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Tishomingo Seat 1

Background Information:

Scott Wood was born in Tishomingo, Oklahoma June 12, 1969 to Larry and Eugenia Wood. He is the grandson of the late Louise Wadlington (Carney), full-blood Chickasaw and the late Frank Wood (Seminole). Mr. Wood graduated from East Central University in 1992 and began working as a commissioned officer for Indian Health Service at the Shawnee Indian Health Center. He felt the need to further his education and returned to college again in 1995 to pursue studies in Pre-Med. In 2000 after obtaining a Doctor of Chiropractic degree, he opened his practice in his hometown of Tishomingo. He has been in practice in Tishomingo for over 15 years. Mr. Wood in 2009 assisted in opening Texoma Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Clinic, LLC in Tishomingo the second of two businesses owned by he and his wife.

Educational Background:

Scott Wood graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1987. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from East Central University in 1992. Mr. Wood went on to obtain another Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Med from East Central University in 1995. In 1996 he attended Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, Texas and graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree in 2000. Also in 2013 Mr. Wood pursued his Animal Chiropractic Certification from Parker College of Chiropractic.

Civic and/or Community Activities:

Mr. Wood has two businesses, Wood Chiropractic Clinic and Texoma Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Clinic, LLC, both members of the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce. Both businesses are proud monetary supporters of several activities in and around the Tishomingo District. He also has coached girls' softball and T-ball in both Tishomingo and Durant summer leagues for 18 years. In 2014, Mr. Wood was the assistant coach to the 8-Under State Tournament Championship team the Durant Lady Lions.

Awards and Honors:

Mr. Wood was a board member of the Dallas Interurban Indian Clinic in Dallas, Texas. While a board member he assisted in hiring a new clinic administrator and several other tasks. Mr. Wood played softball for the Parker Chiropractic Softball Team that competed in the Chiropractic Olympics in 1998, Davenport, Iowa and also 1999, Dallas, Texas. His team won the gold medal both years. Scott Wood was inducted in the Tishomingo Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001 for football, basketball, and track.

Goal as Legislator:

I will continue to support our two most valuable assets; our youth and elderly. I will continue to be an advocate for any programs that further the enhancement for education, elder services, family support, and health care. I will continue to support economic growth that furthers the advancement of the Chickasaw Nation towards self-preservation.

I believe the educational system is vital to our future growth. Providing a strong support system to our youth is imperative to their success in the future. Education gives them a firm foundation to be an asset in maintaining our growth as a Nation.

Scott Wood

I will continue to support any issues on the preservation of our history, culture, and natural resources. I believe it is imperative to support any programs that enhance the overall quality of life for our elders. Their well-being is essential to maintaining our culture for future generations.

Name of Spouse and Children:

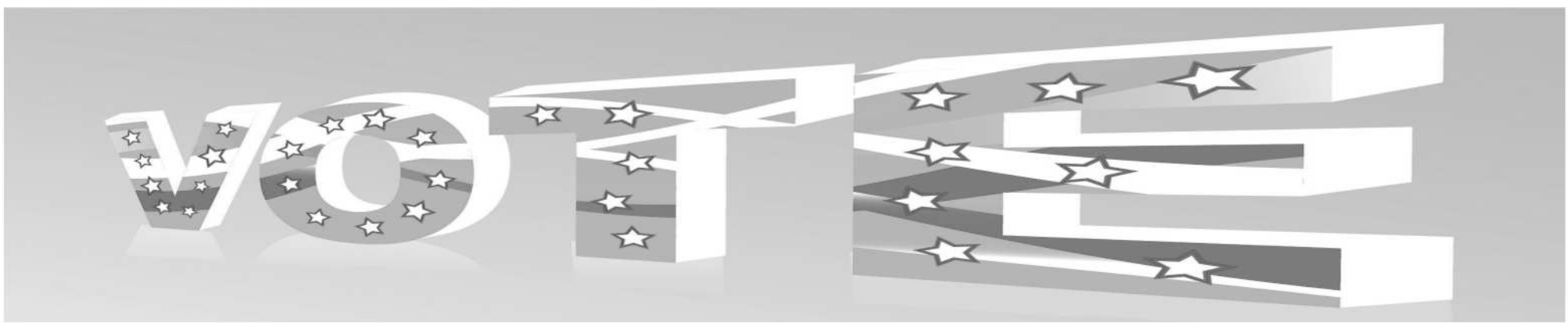
Mr. Wood has been married to his wife Ashley since 2002 and resides in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. He has three daughters, Kayla, 23, Neely, 16, and Cheyenne, 9.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

It has been an unbelievable journey in my first term as your Chickasaw Legislator for the Tishomingo District. We have made great strides in continuing to work toward securing the future for Chickasaw people. I look forward to serving each and every one of you in the years to come. It truly has been an honor and privilege to serve you.

I will continue to always be a devoted voice for the Chickasaw people. Your concerns, needs, and ideas are very important to the betterment of the Chickasaw Nation. Without your views or beliefs we cannot continue to develop as a Nation.

Thank you for supporting and allowing me to serve as your Legislator for the Tishomingo District. With your help we will continue to progress to ensure the well-being for future generations.



Pontotoc District • Seat 1

Toby Perkins, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Toby Perkins
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Pontotoc Seat 1

Background Information:

Toby Perkins is the incumbent tribal legislator serving the people of Pontotoc District. Mr. Perkins serves on the Finance Committee as Chairperson, and also serves on the Education, Human Resources, and the Tribal Historic and Cultural Committees.

He also works as Director of Associate and Member Benefits at LegalShield in Ada. He has been with the company since 1999. Prior to joining LegalShield, Mr. Perkins worked as a safety officer and field technician at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Robert S. Kerr Groundwater Research Laboratory in Ada.

Toby was born July 18, 1968, in Little Rock, Arkansas. His Chickasaw lineage includes his mother, Tia Juana Perkins; grandmother, (Angie) Emmeline Matha Wiley; great grandparents, Eula Greenwood and Johnson Jimmy and great-great-grandparents Nancy Moore and Simeon Greenwood.

Educational Background:

The Perkins family moved to Mustang, Oklahoma, in 1978. In 1986 Toby graduated from Mustang High School. From there he attended Oklahoma State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and an associates degree in occupational health and safety.

Civic and/or Community Activities:

Toby Perkins is a 10-year member of the Board of Directors of Ada Regional United Way. He assists with United Way fundraising and helps direct resources to community agencies including the Ada Area Youth Shelter, Ada Boys and Girls Club, Women's Crisis Center and the Ada Area Chemical Dependency Center. He and his wife, Alesha, are active members of Ada First Baptist Church. The couple hosts a bi-weekly in-home Bible study for young adults, and Toby serves as the church's chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

Awards and Honors:

Toby graduated with honors from Mustang High School. He earned his Occupational Health and Safety Degree with a 4.0 grade point average from Oklahoma State University.

Goal as Legislator:

WORKING TOGETHER FOR PROGRESS

HEALTH CARE: With our Medical Center and outlying clinics receiving more than one-half million patient visits each year, it's clear to me that we must maintain a continued focus on these services. I'm very grateful we can care for our people when they are experiencing illness and serious health issues. New Tishomingo and Ardmore clinics, the expansion of the Purcell clinic, as well as the coming addition of a wellness center on the Purcell complex, will improve the quality and number of services available to our citizens. The Sovereign Medical Solutions mail order prescription program that includes non-Native spouses of Chickasaws has been a huge benefit for so many Chickasaw families everywhere. I will continue to support and work to expand programs that support the health and wellness of Chickasaw citizens and those they love.

EDUCATION: Every Chickasaw, regardless of age, should have the tools and resources required to reach their full potential. Serving on the Legislature's Education Committee, I am committed to make this happen. In 2014, the Chickasaw Nation invested $26.5 million in education programs, much of that in the form of grants, scholarships, and assistance to our Chickasaw students. This investment empowers our Nation, from our youngest students, to those pursuing advanced degrees at the colleges of their choice. We recently started construction on a new child development center and Head Start center to ensure our children have the best educational environment as early as possible. These are great accomplishments for our children – but we need to continue to raise the bar. Each child and student deserves the very best our tribe has to offer!

NATURAL RESOURCES: Our tribal sovereignty and our tribe's natural resources are tightly intertwined. We are a nation that nurtures its people and protects its natural resources. Having worked at the EPA, I saw firsthand what happens when those who should be stewards of our land and water are not vigilant in protecting our resources. I pledge to continue to defend our sovereignty, our people, our water and our other natural resources.

HISTORY & CULTURE: As a member of the Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation Committee I am excited about the coming addition of the Ashaachi' building to Chickasaw Cultural Center. This new facility will provide museum level intake processing and ensure the safety of our valuable pieces of history. Citizens researching family connections have access to genealogical collections, historic maps, photo archives, and other historic documents in the Holisso Center. The Chickasaw Cultural Center is a vital resource for students, authors, and others interested in learning more about our history, heritage, and culture. Our culture is who we are. As your legislator I embrace the responsibility to ensure our history, our language, and our Chikashsha chokka-chaffa' (Chickasaw family) are protected, preserved, and celebrated.

Toby Perkins

KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM: Our elders are an incredible source of knowledge and wisdom. Through community council meetings, senior center events, emails, and phone calls, I will continue to welcome counsel from our seniors. With their valuable input, I will work to strengthen the programs and services that strive to ensure that every elder is well cared for and living a quality and independent life.

COMMUNITY: I have also enjoyed investing my passion for family and community into projects for the people of the Chickasaw Nation. Hearing your requests, we renovated the Headquarters Gym and completed a new softball complex in Ada for games, reunions, and other family activities. Our youth and young families have a long tradition of enjoying and excelling in sports activities, particularly softball, basketball, and with the youth Bak Bak team, a resurgence of stickball. It is my desire to build on these traditions for generations to come. We recently broke ground on a new area office/community center in Purcell and announced plans for a new senior site and community center in Oklahoma City. I will continue to support projects that bring together, strengthen, and lift up our Chickasaw families.

Name of Spouse and Children:

Toby married his wife Alesha, on October 24, 1999. Their family includes daughter, Elizabeth Freeman, granddaughter Evyn, son Cash Freeman and daughter-in-law, Jessica.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

I have dedicated myself to serving you in the Chickasaw Legislature, and my passion for this work grows with every good thing we are able to do. When I see the differences made in our

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Oscar W. Gore

Name of candidate: Oscar W. Gore
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Pontotoc Seat 1

Background Information:

Oscar W. Gore is the great-grandson of original enrollees John and Agnes (Dana) Alberson. Mr. Gore's paternal grandmother Edith Lavida (Alberson) Gore had 13 children, of which his father Larry Gore is the second oldest. Mr. Gore and his wife Lisa Gore have three sons Tre, Taye and Spencer.

Oscar worked for the Chickasaw Nation for 10 years until 2014. He worked as the Manager of the Science Technology and Math Academy (STEM Academy), as the Unit Manager of the Sulphur Boys and Girls Club, and as the Health and Fitness Coordinator for both the Sulphur and the Tishomingo Boys and Girls Clubs. Mr. Gore attended Byng High School and received his B.A. in history with a Native American Studies minor from East Central University.

Goal as Legislator:

As a member of the Chickasaw Legislature my main goal will be to Enhance! Enhance the lives of you as Chickasaw people, Enhance our Great Nation as a sovereign Nation, and to enhance our footprint in time so our future generations will have a richer heritage to look back on.

I support whole heartedly the programs (health care, vision, elders, youth, etc…) that we as a Nation have already implemented, but as a proud Chickasaw in today's times, I feel as though there is more. More we can do as a Nation, more we can do for our people, and more we can do for our place in this world as children of God.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

As a Chickasaw man raising a Chickasaw family it would be a tremendous honor to know that my people trust and believe in me enough to vote for me! We all know that one person cannot change the world alone, so I won't promise things I cannot produce. With

Oscar W. Gore

that said, if one person starts a chain reaction in the hearts and minds of others, then that one person has the ability to enact change. As one man I will put my heart into serving my Chickasaw people.

As a young boy I had a teacher tell me one time that, because I am Native American I would not be able to be successful (because Indians quit too easy being his words). I have kept that day and those words in my memory bank so that one day when I succeeded I could look back on it with true happiness! As Chickasaw people I know that you have had such things said to or about you also. I will strive daily to put an end to

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Mary Holden-Nordwall

Name of candidate: Mary Holden-Nordwall
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Pontotoc Seat 1

Background Information:

Mary Holden Nordwall is a full-blood Indian, who is a practicing Behavioral Health counselor. Mary spent time growing up at the Sandy Creek Pentecostal church in Filmore, Oklahoma when they used to have small cabins surrounding the church grounds. Her father Johnston Holden was a bilingual gospel singer in a quartet, singing Chickasaw and Choctaw hymns, named the Rythmeers. She started her career in Education, as an elementary school teacher. Mary then became a diversity counselor for Native American students at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where her duties included counseling the National Champion Football team; developing and overseeing the Native American Scholarship Program: White Antelope Scholarship; and represented the University as a liaison of the Chancellor's office to the Tribal Nations in the State of Colorado. She was then recruited to the Dean of Students for the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. where she oversaw a multi-million dollar budget. Mary went into semi-retirement, and was able to consult for the Chickasaw Nation Arts division. She then served as the Director of Education for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and wrote the current polices and scholarship guidelines under which they operate. Currently, Mary has been a behavioral health counselor for five years in Ada, Oklahoma.

Educational Background:

Mary originally began her undergraduate degree at the University of Oklahoma on a Chickasaw Scholarship. She continued her education at a private college; Lesley University in Cambridge, MA while her husband attended Harvard. She finished out her undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Mary went on to attain her

Mary Holden-Nordwall

master's degree in Education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. Mary was accepted into and completed her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Goal as Legislator:

Mary's charge as Chickasaw Legislator is to be a fulltime servant for the Chickasaw People. Her emphasis will be in Education, Culture and Job mobility for Chickasaw citizens, and Healthcare. Mary's focus will be a community oriented approach for better outreach of services through the Nation. Expansion of Scholarships, reten-

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Pickens District • Seat 1

David Woerz, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: David Woerz
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Pickens Seat 1

Background Information:
Mr. Woerz is the great-grandson of Minnie Thomas Stewart, 7/8 Chickasaw and 1/8 Delaware, and the grandson of Ruth Stewart Hyden and the son of Judith Hyden Woerz.

He is 1/8 American Indian (7/64 Chickasaw, 1/64 Delaware). His family's original allotment is in Davis, Oklahoma.

Mr. Woerz married his high school sweetheart Amy Walker Woerz in August of 1992, This year they will celebrate their 23rd Anniversary. The Lord has bless them with two children, Blake, 15, and Lauren, 13. Mr. Woerz is a dedicated family man and stays very involved in the children's school and activities.

Mr. Woerz's family has continually lived in and operated businesses in the Pickens District for over 100 years. Ardmore Electric Supply, Inc. was established in 1947 by the late Gustave R. Woerz and has been a family owned and operated business ever since. "I credit the success of our business to the hard working employees and family members, who have put in the time and effort needed to succeed. Most of all I credit my mother Judith G. Woerz for keeping the business going even after our father died at the age of 44. She was left with four children under the age of 15 and still kept the business alive and well. That's Chickasaw!" Hard work and dedication to something bigger than oneself was something Mr. Woerz was taught at a young age. Ardmore Electric Supply, Inc., has grown from a three-person operation to its current employment of 20. Mr. Woerz is accustomed to dealing with big business as the senior account manager for such customers as Michelin North America, Valero, Wynnewood Refinery, XTO Energy, Cheasapeake Energy, East Jordan Ironworks and many more.

Tribal Roles:
·Chickasaw Tribal Legislator (2006- Present)
·Chairman of the Chickasaw Legislature (2011-2012)
·Elected by unanimous vote of the Legislative Body
·Ex officio Member of all Legislative Committees
·Alternate Delegate to NCAI (National Congress of American Indians)
·Appointed by Governor Bill Anoatubby
·Chairman-Legislative Committee
·Member-Finance Committee
·Member-Land Development Committee
·Past Chairman-Land & Economic Development Committee
·Past Chairman-Special Projects Committee
·Member-Oklahoma Minority Supplier Development Council

Educational Background:
Southeastern Oklahoma State University (1988-1990) Oklahoma State University (1990-1992) College of Business. Employment: Ardmore Electric Supply, Inc., (1992-Present)

The Chickasaw Nation Legislature: (2006-Present)

Civic and/or Community Activities:
Mr. Woerz has been involved and supports many organizations and charities.
·Ambassador – Shriners Hospital for Children
·Member- First United Methodist Church Council
·Member – Creekmore Masonic Lodge # 74 Madill Oklahoma and Ardmore Lodge # 31
·Member- 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of McAlester
·Member – Crosspoint Emmaus Community
·Past Chairman – First United Methodist Church Missions Committee
·Past Chairman – Ardmore Tourism Authority
·Past Board Member – Mercy Hospital – Ardmore Oklahoma

Accomplishments:
· New Health Clinic Ardmore and Tishomingo
· New Senior Site Ardmore
· Madill Senior Site Renovation
· Chickasaw Elder Independent Living Apartments
· Housing for Pickens District
· Increase funding for Education.
· Chickasaw Nation Medical Center
· Expansion of Health Care Programs
· Expanded Transportation

Goal as Legislator:
·Expanded programs and Medical Assistance for Citizens at Large.
·Continue to increase our Tribal Land Base.
·Expansion of Chickasaw Elder Independent Living Apartments
·Chickasaw Campground in Pickens District to be utilized by Native American Groups.
·As your Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians I will always fight to protect our Sovereign Status. I will continue to look for opportunities with the Federal Government to expand our programs and services.
·Expansion of Dental programs for Chickasaw Citizens.
·Expansion of Eye Care programs for Chickasaw Citizens
·Increased funding for Elder Programs/Senior Sites.
·Continued Support of Educational Programs
·Job creation in our smaller communities.
·Focus on Veteran Employment

David Woerz

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:
Together we have accomplished much in the past nine years. With God's blessing and your prayers and support we have been able to exceed our dreams with such benefits as the state of the art Chickasaw Medical Center complimented by the Ardmore and Tishomingo Clinics.

We have more educational scholarships and grants than at any time in our history. Our Tribal assets have grown two fold and we continue to grow our tribal land base. We now have twenty community councils all around the United States and the communication has never been better.

We have continued our business diversification efforts and are seeing great progress and returns. I will continue to support this diversification process as it contributes to the overall health of the Chickasaw Nation.

Even with all the progress we still have many things to accomplish not only in the Pickens District but also with the Citizens at Large programs. When we started this journey in 2006 the Pickens District was still somewhat behind other districts. Together we have fought to get Pickens District in the best shape it has ever been.

I am asking for your support for re-election to Pickens Legislative Seat 1. I know that God has brought me to this point in life and I know He has much more work for me.

Pickens District • Seat 1

Mike Watson

Name of candidate: Mike Watson
Position candidate is filing for: Legislator
District and Seat Number: Pickens Seat 1

Background Information:

Mike Watson (born to the Shawi Clan), is the eldest son of Wilma Pauline Stout now Watson; grandson of Hattie Pickens now Stout; great-grandson of Annie Ned now Pickens; great-great-grandson of Edmund Pickens (Okchuntubby).

Mike's maternal great-grandmother Annie Ned, full blood Chickasaw alottee, married Ihunta Pickens, full blood Chickasaw alottee. Ihunta was son of Okchuntubby, better known as Edmund Pickens. Edmund died in 1868 and was a son of and married to a woman of the Shawi Clan. The Chickasaws' Pickens District was named for Edmund Pickens.

Born to four lines of traditional families whence he learned respect for preservation of Chickasaw culture, history and language.

A good steward in body politic must work hard for everyone in the nation. The body-politic-stewards are in positions of fiduciary responsibility to assist (to serve) every (all) tribal citizen (the people!).

Educational Background:

Mike attended Madill Senior High School, East Central University, Phillips University, American College, Computer Education Center, Inc.

His formal studies were structured toward accounting, history, geology, computer technology, real estate, government.

Mike, with the assistance of his family, has advanced many objectives for the Chickasaw people and obtain 80% good results in areas of: Chickasaw regional offices, BIA compact, preserve Chickasaw employee rights, Chickasaw 401(k) retirement program, Chickasaw education clothing grant, Chickasaw burial assistance grant.

Pushed for more Chickasaws employed within Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw health care, recommend term limits for Chickasaw elected positions, recommend Chickasaw governmental accountability to citizens.

Goal as Legislator:

Fulfill a sacred promise to an allottee to work toward a Chickasaw government which is fully and honorably accountability to all Chickasaws.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

Welcome is extended to the 65% first time and persons who have only voted once before the 2014 election. To our 67% of voters who felt that their participation made no different, I call on them to vote. Let the Pickens District have a voter participation of over 90% let us work toward a tribal national government working with more direction from the tribal citizens and less tribal national dictates and constant pronouncements of "sorry, out of funds!"

On ground-breaking day for "Toso Ishto Bingo (forerunner of WinStar), grandmother Hattie Pickens Stout reminded my aunt that she too was Chickasaw and all Chickasaw should participate in per capita!

Mike Watson

Per capita payments is not new; the Five Tribes Allottee generation knew whence the proceeds of the disposed assets was suppose to be directed, to the members of the Five Tribes, according to their respective rights. Per capita payment, a method for dividing payments, from sale of assets jointly owned by the tribal members, assets which were in fiduciary care of both the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Chickasaw Nation body politic; both were to be accountable to the Chickasaw tribal (people) members.

Nation = Government whereas tribal = social division of people.

PERSONAL OPINION: Individual payments from joint assets is well established in the recorded history of the Chickasaw people. By whatever name you wish to call it an equal disbursement to all citizens of a portion of joint assets, or reasonable percentage of net revenues is well documented with historical actions, and support.

I support a per capita payments system which meets Chickasaw voters approval and a plan with must be approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

At other times certain national issues must be decided by citizen through an election which reflect the wishes of the majorities.

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mobility for Chickasaw citizens, and Healthcare. Mary's focus will be a community oriented approach for better outreach of services through the Nation. Expansion of Scholarships, retention of language and culture is a top priority. Chickasaw Citizens preference for promotions and contracting with the Nation and offering access to training and mentorship opportunities for future promotions should be the norm. Mary would look into providing wound care services within our health system to help our citizens keep their bodies whole and combat the effects of diabetes.

Name of Spouse and Children:

Mary is married to Rick Nordwall a graduate of Harvard University, and they have two sons; Eric and Sean who both attended the University of California, Berkeley. Her parents were Johnston and Ana Faye Holden; Mary has six siblings: Anita Duncan, Gloria Spybuck, John Holden, Joe Holden, James Holden and Brenda Benson. Mary's Grandparents were James Holden Sr. and Emma Humes. Her uncles and aunts include Earl 'Trap' Lowry, Josie Imotichey, Lena Welch, Mary Holden-Jones, James Holden Jr., Louise Holden Jones, Juanita Holden Byars, and Melton Humes. Mary's Great Uncle was Reverend Jesse Humes (Emma's Brother) who is credited with writing the Chickasaw Dictionary.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

"I have dedicated my career to helping Native people in the education and behavioral health fields. I will be a fulltime legislator and servant to the Chickasaw People. I believe our citizens should be the top priority of the Chickasaw Nation. I have the experience, the qualifications, and the heart to best serve the Chickasaw People of the Pontotoc District. I humbly ask for your vote, Chokmashki."

Supreme Court • Seat 2

Barbara Anne Smith, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Barabara Anne Smith
Position candidate is filing for: Supreme Court Justice
District and Seat Number: Supreme Court Seat 2

Background Information:

I have been a Judge for the Chickasaw Nation since 2002. This has been the greatest journey of my life. The Chickasaw Nation citizens have blessed me with this honor each time I have been reelected. Thank you for all you have shared with me.

I have lived in Oklahoma most of my life. My parents, Colbert C. Smith and Marjorie A. Smith, have both passed. My Dad passed in 1997 and my Mom in 2000. I have always wished they had been here during my time of serving the Nation. My Dad would be amazed to see where the Nation has come. My Dad grew up in Newcastle with his two sisters, Theople Pugh and Jean Griffith, his mom and dad, Virgil Smith and Mable Smith and his Grandfather and grandmother, Sydney Smith and Martha Smith. Martha was the daughter of Humphrey Colbert and all were descendants of Winchester Colbert.

I grew up in Midwest City, Oklahoma and moved to Norman in the 70s to teach mathematics at Norman High School and adjunct at the University of Oklahoma in the Math Department. In 1987 my brother, Michael Colbert Smith and I began law school together at Oklahoma City University Law School. We have been practicing law together in Norman since 1991 and continue to do so today.

In September 2002, I was appointed District Judge for the Chickasaw Nation. I served in that capacity for one year. During that year, I helped the Judicial Department with the Tribal Court Assistance Grant from the Bureau o Justice Assistance to further the goal of re-establishing full jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation District Court. Also, I was asked to implement a Peacemaking Court that would assist citizens with disputes outside the adversarial court atmosphere. In 2003 I was elected to Seat #2 as Supreme Court Justice and currently serve in that capacity.

Currently, I also teach Tribal Courts and Peacemaking at the University of Oklahoma School of Law; and Peacemaking at Columbia University School of Law in New York City. Teaching has always been a passion of mine and I am fortunate to be able to continue teaching and sharing what I am learning with others.

Educational Background:

BS in Education from East Central University in 1971; Master's of secondary education from the University of Oklahoma in 1987; Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University in 1991

Civic and/or Community Activities:

·2009 -2015 Native American Rights Fund Board of Directors

·2008-2011 National American Indian Court Judges Association Board of Directors

·2006 – Present National Judicial College Tribal Advisory Council, Reno, Nev.

·2013-2015 Advisory Board for Women and Gender Studies Program, University of Oklahoma

Presentations:

·Keynote at the University of Oklahoma Law School Symposium

·Sovereignty Symposium Peacemaking Presentations

·National Peacemaking Conference Hosted by Chickasaw National 2007

·National Peacemaking Conference Hosted by ChickasawNation at the Artesian Hotel, Sulphur, Okla.

·Cleveland County Bar Association

·Garvin County Bar Association

·Oklahoma Supreme Court Mediators

·Association of American Indian Physicians

· Oklahoma Supreme Court Sovereignty Symposium

·National Multi-Jurisdiction Conference, Green Bay, Wis.

·National Gathering of Peacemakers, Oklahoma City

· Indian Nations Conference, Palm Springs, Calif.

·Indigenous Justice Conference, San Diego, Calif.

·Montana Mediators Association, Helena, Mon.

·Regional Child Services Conference, Norman, Okla.

Barbara Anne Smith

·Andministrative Law Judges, Oklahoma City

·Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo.

·Mohegan Nation, Uncasville, Conn.

·Center for Court Innovations, New York City

·Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

·Red Hook Community Justice Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

·University of Oklahoma Law School Sovereignty Symposium, Keynote

·Panel at Columbia University Law School

·Integrating Indian Law into Courses at Rutgers, Columbia University and Fordham University

Appointments:

Appointed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Department:

I see the goal of the Judiciary to provide access to justice to all citizens and natives in our service area. As our court has grown and services have broadened, more and more of our citizens have found assistance with our court advocate system. The Court advocate system is unlike any other in the country. We provide attorneys to assist citizens in filing and pursuing a legal action. They do not represent the citizens. They assist the citizens prepare to go before the Judge pro se, or with out an attorney.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

I have been sitting as a judge on the court for 12 years. This has been the most amazing jopurney of my career. I have met Chickasaws from all over the world. Each time the connection is true. We are connected by our ancestors, by our relatives, by our love for our nation and by our connection to one another. The gify you give to your elected officials is huge. I thank you for all you have given me and I hope we can continue to work together to keep access to justice open to all Chickasaws.

Supreme Court • Seat 2

Linda English Weeks

Name of candidate: Linda English Weeks
Position candidate is filing for: Supreme Court Justice
District and Seat Number: Supreme Court Seat 2

Background Information:

Linda English Weeks was born March 8, 1956 in Oklahoma City to Clarence and Patty Wallace. She has three older brothers, Leroy, Leslie and Larry Wallace. Her grandmother, Susie Alice Goins Wallace, was an original enrollee.

Linda's great grandparents were Susan Thomas Goins and Reuben Goins, both full blood Chickasaws. When enrollment on the Dawes rolls began, Reuben attempted to place his family on the Choctaw rolls and was denied. Linda regards this as a twist of fate, which led them to being enrolled as Chickasaws. Reuben and Susan Thomas Goins donated the land on which the Goins School was built just outside of Washington, Indian Territory. Linda is the great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw Robert and Caroline Thomas. Nelson Chigley was her great-great uncle.

Linda's love of the law began when she started working at the Cleveland County District Attorney's office in 1977 until 1979. In 1979 she went to work aas the Judicial Clerk/Baliff to the Special District Judges, where she stayed until 1980. In 1980 she had an opportunity to move to Washington, D.C. to work for the United States House of Representatives. She was the scheduling secretary to Congressman Mickey Edwards of Oklahoma. In 1982 Linda decided to return to Oklahoma and went back to work for the Cleveland County District Court as a Clerk/Baliff to District Judge Mike McDanel, where she stayed until the birth of her daughter, Evan Jayne in April of 1994. In 1986 her son, John William was born. From 1984 until 1994 Linda concentrated her efforts on her children and their activities. In 1994 she began working in the family law firm as office manager and then began law school in 1997, continuing her work at the firm but as a legal intern. During law school she also participated in Native American Law Student Association.

Upon graduation from law school, Linda continued her practice in the English Law Firm until January 2002 when she began working in Brad Henry's first campaign for Governor. She worked in Governor Henry's administration for seven years and served as the First Lady's Chief of Staff and the Governor's Mansion Administrator. She currently is the General Counsel and Senior Program Officer at the Sarkeys Foundation. The Sarkeys Foundation is a charitable foundation that funds non-profits statewide. Linda is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Linda has been an avid runner for over 20 years, participating in many marathons and triathlons which raise money for various organizations. Last October she ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. with Team Running Strong which raised funds for programs that improve the quality of life and the future for Native American Youth. Running Strong for American Indian Youth was founded by Billy Mills, Olympic Gold Medalist.

Educational Background:

Linda received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law in 2000, and her BA degree in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma. She also received certification from The Mediation Institute for Civil-Commercial and Family Law Mediation.

Civic and/or Community Activities:

Linda was appointed by Governor Henry to serve on the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission. As the Governor's designee, she was extensively involved in facilitating the Oklahoma Centennial celebrations across the state and nation. Linda also served as an advisory board member of Friends of the Mansion, Inc., which is a non-profit that helps with the preservation and maintenance of the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion. Governor Henry also appointed her to serve as a commissioner on the Oklahoma Commission for Human Services, which provided oversight to the Department of Human Services.

Linda has served on the Board of Visitors for the University of Oklahoma, College of Liberal Studies, the Cleveland County Post Dispositional Review Board, the Board of Directors for the Junior League of Norman, the Norman Youth Soccer Association, Norman Alcohol Information Center, and was a member of the Assistance League of Norman.

Linda English Weeks

Linda is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, Class XVIII, and Leadership Norman. She is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association. Linda is a Fellow of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation and from 1997-2000 she was a member of the Organization for Advancement of Women in Law.

Education is very important to Linda and she feels very strongly about giving back to others. She has established the Linda English Weeks Second Century Scholarship at the University of Oklahoma, College of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a Chickasaw student, and if there isn't one currently enrolled it goes to another Native American student.

Awards and Honors:

Linda was listed on the Preseident's Honor Roll during her undergraduate studies, and the Dean's Honor Roll during law school.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Department:

My desire to serve the Chickasaw people as a Supreme Court Justice will allow me to blend my love of the law with my passion for my Chickasaw heritage. I believe it is our duty to protect and defend our rights as a sovereign nation, and I will work hard to uphold the constitution that our ancestors fought so hard to establish. We must do what it takes to preserve our tribal laws while honoring our heritage, and I will do so with my promise to deliver fair decisions in an efficient manner.

Name of Spouse and Children:

Linda is married to United States Marshal Charles T. Weeks, II. They have three grown children, John English, Evan Jayne Barnes and Courtney Risley, and three beautiful granddaughters, Mason, Bowen and Everett.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

I am so proud of my Chickasaw heritage! I would consider it the greatest honor to be able to serve the Chickasaw Nation as Supreme Court Justice.

I have 38 years of experience in the legal field. In addition to my private law practice at the English Law Firm, I have worked in local government for the District Attorney and District Judges. I have worked in local government as a mem-

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Board of Directors, Member
- Leadership Oklahoma, Class III Graduate
- Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation Board of Trustee
- Oklahoma Academy of State Goals Board, Member
- Oklahoma City University Board of Trustees
- Oklahoma Health Care Commission
- Oklahoma Heritage Association Board of Directors, Member
- Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission
- Oklahoma State Board of Easter Seals and Crippled Children
- Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors
- Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Advisory Committee
- Tri-County Indian Nations Development Corporation, Board Member
- United Indian Nations in Oklahoma, Chairman
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, Member and Co-Chairman
- 5 Who Care, Board Member
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board of Directors, Member

Awards and Honors:
- 2015 Dialogue Institute of Oklahoma Leadership Award
- 2015 Honorary Doctor of Business from the Oklahoma City University
- 2015 Ada Area Chamber of Commerce Ted Savage Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2014 Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Community Service Award
- 2014 Oklahoma Academy Key Contributor Award
- 2014 University of Oklahoma Honorary Doctorate
- 2013 Oklahoma Israel Exchange Light, Leadership and Legacy Award
- 2013 ASTEC Fund Door Opener Award
- 2013 East Central University Distinguished Philanthropist Award
- 2013 Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2012 Citizen Energy Advocate of the Year Award
- 2011 Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Trail Boss Award
- 2011 Oklahoma Health Center Foundation Treasure for Tomorrow, Outstanding Innovative Leader
- 2010 International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Leadership Award for Public Service
- 2010 Oklahoma City University's Meinders School of Business Chairman's Award
- 2009 Festival of Hope Honoree, Heartline Organization
- 2009 Leadership Oklahoma's Distinguished Graduate
- 2009 Board of the American Indian Exposition Indian of the Year
- 2008 Native American Finance Officers Association Tribal Leader of the Year Award
- 2008 National Governors Association Private Citizen Award
- 2007 Red Earth Ambassador
- 2007 Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Outstanding Service to Oklahoma's Children Award
- 2007 Minority Advocate of the Year, U.S. Small Business Administration
- 2007 Oklahoma Heritage Association "Centennial Leadership award for Preservation of State & Local History"
- 2006 Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council "Humanitarian of the Year" Award
- 2005 Awarded the "Most Honored One" and "Friend of the Court" by the Oklahoma Supreme Court
- 2004 Oklahoma Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2004 Jacobson Foundation Honoree Award
- 2000 Distinguished Service Award from the Murray State College Foundation
- 1999 Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Corporation Leadership Award
- 1998 Honoree, Community Literacy Center
- 1997 Ada Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award
- 1997 City of Ada A+ Award
- 1997 Oklahoma Governor's Arts Award
- 1997 Distinguished Alumnus, East Central University
- 1997 Distinguished Alumnus, National Community College Association
- 1995 Minority Advocate of the Year, U.S. Small Business Administration
- Who's Who in America
- Who's Who in the South and Southwest

Goal as Governor:

"Over the years, we put a tremendous effort into becoming the strong and dynamic nation we know and love. We are seeing the fruits of our work together as more Chickasaws are achieving their goals today than ever before. Chickasaw are aspiring to new heights with abundant opportunities in education, employment, health care, homeownership and active lives.

Extraordinary progress has been made in many areas. Working together, with you, our team will continue to move forward with our future in mind. We remain committed to the Chickasaw people and providing new opportunities for overall personal and family development.

We will continue on our path toward self-sufficiency by maintaining our strong tribal economy with new business and economic development. New programs and services will be developed in important areas, such as culture, language and arts, which will benefit all Chickasaws.

Our mission has always been and continues to be – to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

Name of Spouse and Children:

Wife: Janice. Son, Chris and his wife Becky, grandchildren Brendan, Eryn and Sydney. Son, Brian and his wife, Melinda, grandchildren Chloe and Preslea.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

"It has been a great honor and privilege to serve the Chickasaw people. Our progress throughout my time in office has been the result of hard work, determination and working together with the same goals in mind. We will continue to diligently serve you as we embark on a new journey together. Many of you have been involved in laying the groundwork for the prosperity of the Chickasaw Nation, and we are seeing many of our goals be accomplished. High-quality programs, services and opportunities are more available now than ever before. We have built a foundation to continue and improve upon many areas of need. We have a vision for the future and will work hard to see it through. Together, we are building a vibrant nation for all Chickasaws to embrace and thrive in. We are creating a legacy for future generations of Chickasaws. Together, we can maintain our momentum and continue on our course of progress for years to come!"

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those thoughts by non-Natives by helping our Great Nation be in the forefront and leading the way in every aspect of today's world. I ask for your vote in this election so that your voice can be heard for our people to strive for more!!

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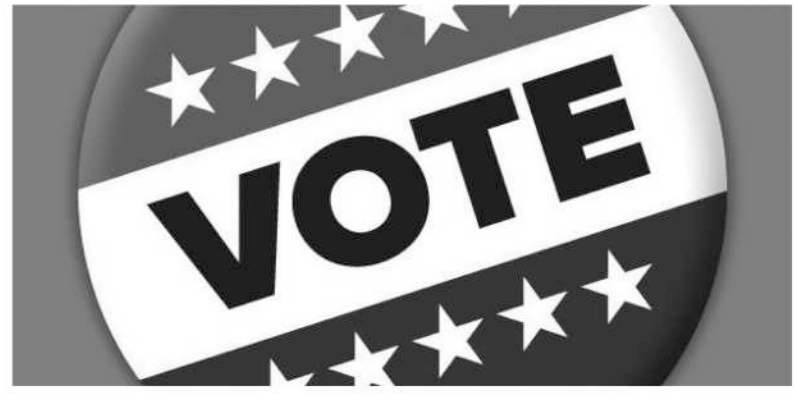
*ber of a congressional staff. I am now serving as General Counsel to a Private Foun*dation that funds non-profit organizations statewide. My experience is not one dimensional. This wide variety of experience allows me a broad and unique perspective on many issues. I will put this experience to work for you! I promise I will work hard to uphold the constitution and to see that everyone who enters our court is treated in a fair and efficient manner. I humbly ask for your vote! Chokma'shki



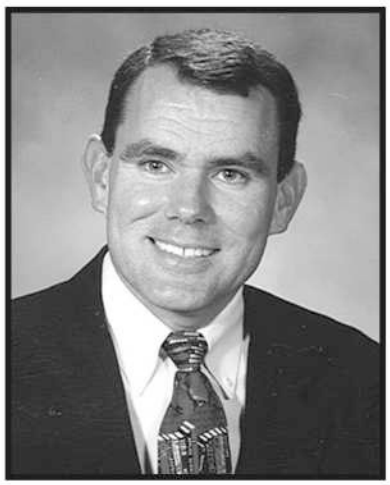
Meet your tribal election office staff and election commissioners

Rita Loder - *Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar*

Christine John – *File Clerk*

Shannon Deatherage – *Administrative Assistant*

Tisha Cully – *Registration Clerk*

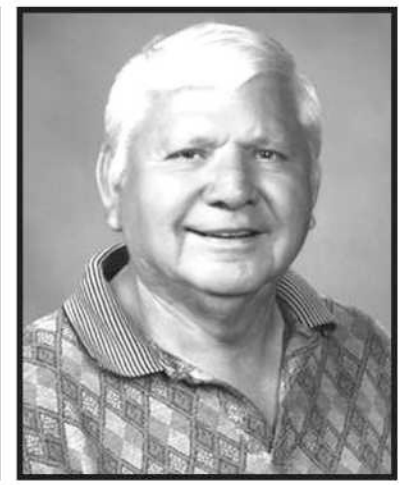


Beryl Sears – *Panola District Commissioner*

Mark Riesen– *Pickens District Commissioner*

Rose Jefferson – *Pontotoc District Commissioner*

Catherine Wood – *Tishomingo District Commissioner*



Claude Miller – *At-Large Commissioner*

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and our Chikashsha chokka-chaffa' (Chickasaw family) are protected, preserved, and celebrated.

KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM: Our elders are an incredible source of knowledge and wisdom. Through community council meetings, senior center events, emails and phone calls, I will continue to welcome counsel from our seniors. With their valuable input, I will work to strengthen the programs and services that strive to ensure every elder is well cared for and living a quality and independent life.

COMMUNITY: I have also enjoyed investing my passion for family and community into projects for the people of the Chickasaw Nation. Hearing your requests, we renovated the Headquarters Gym and completed a new softball complex in Ada for games, reunions, and other family activities. Our youth and young families have a long tradition of enjoying and excelling in sports activities, particularly softball, basketball, and with the youth Bak Bak team, a resurgence of stickball. It is my desire to build on these traditions for generations to come. We recently broke ground on a new area office/community center in Purcell and announced plans for a new senior site and community center in Oklahoma City. I will continue to support projects that bring together, strengthen, and lift up our Chickasaw families.

Name of Spouse and Children:

Toby married his wife Alesha, on October 24, 1999. Their family includes daughter, Elizabeth Freeman, granddaughter Evyn, son Cash Freeman and daughter-in-law, Jessica.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People:

I have dedicated myself to serving you in the Chickasaw Legislature, and my passion for this work grows with every good thing we are able to do. When I see the differences made in our citizens' lives, I am so proud and honored to have been given this great opportunity to be your legislator! It is a privilege and a great responsibility I take seriously, as we work to make a positive impact on the lives of our people.

My father always told me, "Each generation stands on the shoulders of their parents." I will always honor that as I stand strong for you, continuing the work with the same spirit of determination as our ancestors before us. My efforts will continue to focus on the well-being of the Chickasaw people. Meeting and talking with so many of my fellow citizens, I know we have a shared interest in healthcare, education, natural resources, history, and culture. Below, I've outlined some of our accomplishments and what I intend to do as our great Nation moves forward into the future.

It is an honor to serve our tribal family, and if you allow me to, I would very much like to continue in this work. I am dedicated to you. If you have questions, please contact me directly: (580) 332-7073 | Toby@VoteToby.com.

I humbly ask for your vote in this election. Working together, we can do great things. I wish you and your family the very best.

VOTING FORMS

2015 CHICKASAW NATION PRIMARY ELECTION

Enclosed is your OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT, SECRECY ENVELOPE and a self-addressed, postage paid OUTER ENVELOPE. Please read all instructions before marking your ballot. VOTING WILL BE DONE BY MAIL, WITH THE USE OF THIS OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT. NO IN-PERSON VOTING IS PERMITTED, NOR WILL HAND DELIVERED BALLOTS BE ACCEPTED.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Please Read Carefully:

1. Make your sselection using a pencil or black ink, carefully mark your ballot by completeing the arrow pointing to your choice. Select only (1) candidate for each office.
2. After marking your ballot, seal it in the SECRECY ENVELOPE. DO NOT MARK ON THIS ENVELOPE.
3. To ensure confidentiality, the SECRECY ENVELOPE is removed from the OUTER ENVELOPE before ballot counting begins.
   NOTE: Should your ballot arrive without the SECRECY ENVELOPE your assurance of confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.
4. Seal the SECRECY ENVELOPE in the OUTER ENVELOPE, then SIGN YOUR NAME USING BLUE OR BLACK INK on the back of the OUTER ENVELOPE. SIGN YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON THE MAILING LABEL.
5. If you are unable to sign the outer envelope and must make your mark instead, please have your mark witnessed by a notary public.
6. Mail your ballot as soon as possible. Ballots received after 10:30 a.m., July 28, 2015, will NOT be counted.
7. To assure a fair election, ballots will be stored in a locked, secure location.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKASAW NATION PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.

SAMPLE

VOTER'S SIGNATURE

For voters who make their mark instead of signing

Signed: _____
Notary Public

Date Notarized _____ 20____

My Commission Expires ____/__/____

SECRECY ENVELOPE

Place your voter ballot inside this envelope and seal it.
Place this envelope inside the postage paid envelope.

Name

Address

City State Zip

☐ NEW ADDRESS CHECK HERE

2015 Primary Election Ballot Enclosed
Return Before July 28, 2015

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES

SAMPLE

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 204 ADA, OK

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

CHICKASAW NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
PO BOX 695
ADA OK 74821-9899

OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT
PRIMARY ELECTION
CHICKASAW NATION
PONTOTOC DISTRICT
Ada, Oklahoma
July 28, 2015

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This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.
DO NOT ERASE
Please use pencil or black ink.
Complete the arrow ⬅ ➡ pointing to your choice, like this ⬅

PONTOTOC DISTRICT, SEAT 1
Vote for One (1)

SAMPLE

MARY HOLDEN NORDWALL ⬅ ➡

OSCAR W. GORE ⬅ ➡

TOBY PERKINS ⬅ ➡

SUPREME COURT SEAT 2
Vote for One (1)

BARBARA ANNE SMITH ⬅ ➡

LINDA ENGLISH WEEKS ⬅ ➡